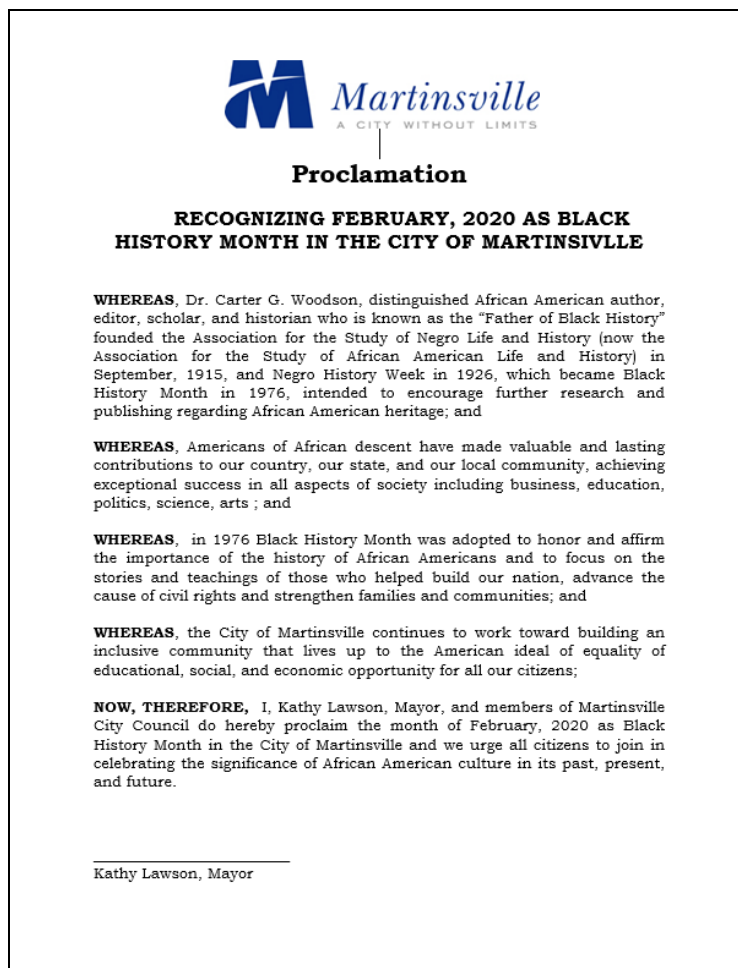


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The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia was held on January 28, 2020 in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, at 7:30 PM with Mayor Kathy Lawson presiding. Other Council Members present included Chad Martin, Jennifer Bowles, Jim Woods and Danny Turner. Staff present included City Manager Leon Towarnicki, Assistant City Manager/City Attorney Eric Monday, Clerk of Council Karen Roberts, Assistant Finance Director Mandy McGhee, and Assistant Police Chief Rob Fincher.

Mayor Lawson called the meeting to order. Following the Pledge to the American Flag and invocation, Lawson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Read and present a proclamation recognizing February 2020 as Black History Month – Council Member Bowles read the proclamation, which was presented, to Artis Law, representative of FAHI. Law thanked Council.



Hear information related to the 2020 Census project – City Manager Towarnicki explained that 2020 is census year and how important an accurate count is for a community. Tonya Davis will be working with the City and Henry County to collect accurate census information. For every person not counted, the community loses an average of \$2,000 per person per year.

Hear an update from Jason Davis, Manager of Blue Ridge Regional Airport – Jason Davis, manager of the Blue Ridge Regional Airport presented a PowerPoint to update Council Members on the airport operations, road relocation and runway extension, impact of the

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airport on the community and tourism. Davis said they project a 40%-50% increase in airport traffic once the new runway is complete in 2025. The airport does not charge smaller airplanes to provide better customer service but larger corporate planes are charged a fee or fuel cap.



Runway Extension

Economic Impact

Introduction

Economic Footprint

Sources of Revenue

Clients

Tourism

Overview

BLUE RIDGE
REGIONAL AIRPORT

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Runway Extension

- Plan approved in December 2018 to extend the runway to 6,000 ft
- With Harvest Foundation funding, completion projected 2025
- Without Harvest Foundation funding, completion projected 2031 or later

Action	Purpose	Start	Completion
Environmental Assessment	Satisfy National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)	Began Sept 2019	April-Sept 2021 (depending on Federal / State Agency Reviews)
Preliminary Engineering	Support Environmental Assessment and begin preliminary design work	Began December 2019	April 2020
Design Runway Extension	Design relocation of Airport Road away from future runway and design extension of runway and taxiway system	June 2020	September 2021
Construction Funding Coordination	Contingent on EA approval, coordinate with FAA, DCAV, Airport and localities on availability of funds and need to phase runway construction	April 2021	Thru end of project
Phase I Construction: Road Realignment	Realign Airport Road outside of path of future runway	Began as early as April 2022, dependent upon funding	December 2023
Phase II Construction: Runway Grading and Paving	Construct runway and taxiway grading, stormwater, paving, marking, lighting and NAVAIDS	Began September 2023	December 2025

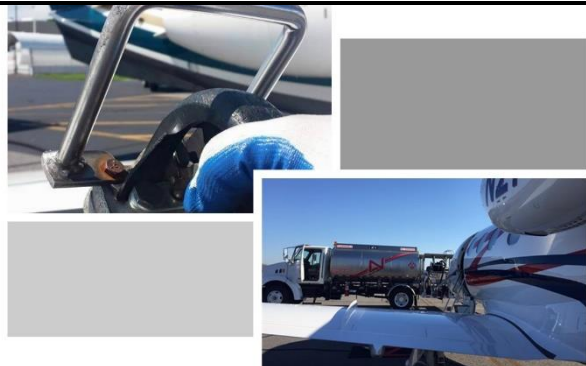
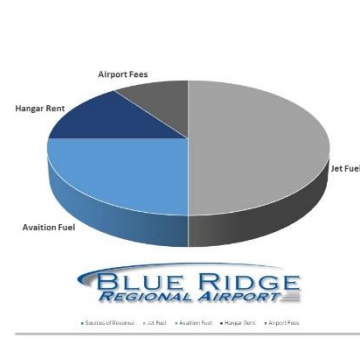
Economic Impact

- 146,660 jobs
- 7.7 billion in wages
- 22.9 billion in economic activity
- 4,000 arrivals and departures daily
- Each airport job supports an additional 2.2 jobs in the state

BLUE RIDGE
REGIONAL AIRPORT

Economic Impact

- 112 jobs
- 3.7 million in wages
- 9.7 million in economic activity



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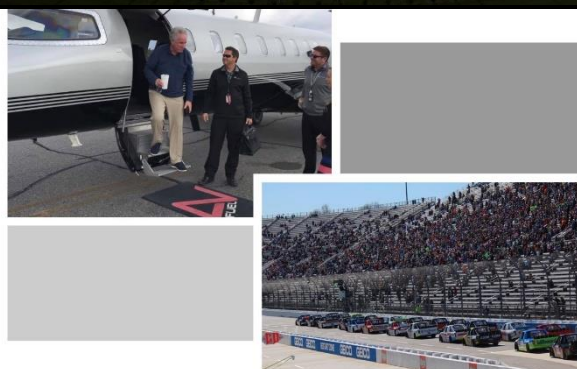


Three race weekends
annually
40+ aircrafts
\$170 million
economic impact

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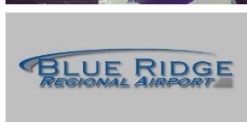
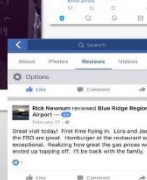
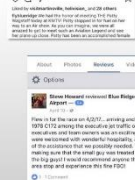
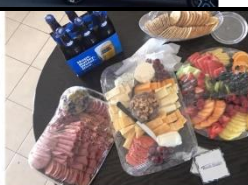




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Hear information from the Martinsville Public Defender's Office – Sandra Haley of the Martinsville Public Defender's office said the local office has a staff of seven attorneys, a mitigation specialist, a paralegal and other staff. They cover nine courts. The office represents residents of all ages who cannot afford an attorney and for charges ranging from littering to capital murder. Haley shared the office's mission statement. The caseload in their office is heavy with 1,156 clients and 1300-1400 active cases every day. Haley shared details about the Rule of Law Day where attorneys will volunteer in local schools to educate students about the law. Haley invited Council to contact her office with any concerns or questions.

Consider adoption of a resolution authorizing reversion – City Attorney Monday explained that the resolution has been prepared on recommendation by the City's legal counsel. The County is seeking to change the rules now that the reversion process has begun. A written resolution memorializing the act will carry more weight in front of a judge and establish the timeline. Monday said the petition for reversion should be filed late spring 2020 with the reversion completion taking up to two years. Council Member Turner made the motion to adopt the resolution. Council Member Woods seconded the motion with all voting in favor.

<p style="text-align: center;">RESOLUTION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE REVERSION OF THE CITY TO TOWN STATUS WITHIN HENRY COUNTY, VIRGINIA.</p> <p><i>WHEREAS</i> the City of Martinsville has determined that the reversion of the City to town status within Henry County would be in the best interests of the people in the City and the County and would further the interest of the Commonwealth in promoting strong and viable units of local government; and</p> <p><i>WHEREAS</i> the change to town status will not substantially impair the ability of Henry County to meet the service needs of its population; and</p> <p><i>WHEREAS</i> the reversion to town status will result in more equitable sharing of the resources and liabilities of Martinsville and Henry County; and,</p> <p><i>WHEREAS</i> the reversion of Martinsville to town status can result in fiscal savings and governmental efficiencies;</p> <p>NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA THAT:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The City of Martinsville shall initiate and pursue all such procedures as may be necessary to accomplish the reversion of Martinsville to town status within Henry County, including those under Chapter 29 of Title 15.2 of the Code of Virginia (§ 15.2-2907, et seq.) and Chapter 41 of Title 15.2 of the Code of Virginia (§ 15.2-4100, et seq.);2. Special legal counsel for the City is directed to notify the Commission on Local Government that the City intends to petition the Circuit Court of the City of Martinsville for an order granting reversion to town status;3. The City Attorney and City Manager are authorized, with the approval of Council, to take all other such actions and to employ such special consultants as may be necessary to accomplish the objectives set forth herein; and,4. The City Council, throughout the course of these proceedings, shall continue to work toward an amicable resolution of this matter with the appropriate officials of Henry County. <p>Adopted this 28th day of January, 2020.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p><i>Attest:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Karen Roberts, Clerk of Council</p>
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Hear a summary of the City's quarterly finance report for the period ending December 31, 2019 – Mandy McGhee of the Finance Department presented the finance report to Council. Council Member Turner made a motion to approve the finance report as presented. Council

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Member Bowles seconded the motion with all Council Members voting in favor.

Consider approval of consent agenda – Council Member Bowles made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Woods seconded the motion with all Council Members voting in favor.

BUDGET ADDITIONS FOR 1/28/20				
ORG	OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
BUDGET ADDITIONS				
FY2020				
General Fund:				
01100909	490104	Advanced/Recovered Costs		17,165
01812242	506067	Misc. Expense - RADAR Transit Program	17,165	
		Reimbursement for fuels		
01101917	442401	Categorical Other State - Confiscated Assets - PD		95
01311085	506078	Police Dept - State Asset Forfeitures	95	
		Forfeited assets from Commonwealth		
01102926	436410	Categorical Federal - Bulletproof Vest Grant		15,965
01311085	506126	Police Dept - Body Armor/Tactical Vests	15,965	
		Vest Grant		
Total General Fund:			33,225	33,225

Consider setting a public hearing on a request from Homero Sandoval Ramos for a Special Use Permit for a vehicle display lot and custom designed vehicle wrap business at 128 Clearview Drive - City Manager Towarnicki explained the request for a public hearing on February 11, 2020 for a special use permit request. Council Member Bowles made a motion to set the public hearing for February 11, 2020. Council Member Turner seconded the motion with all council members voting in favor.

Business from the Floor – Mary Farris, 1151 East Church Street asked how reversion would affect residents and would there be any changes in their lifestyle. Farris asked how reversion would affect the schools and how it would affect local jobs. Mayor Lawson explained what changes to expect but that there are several changes that would not be clear until the reversion is discussed with the County. City Attorney Monday explained that discussions and studies are all available on the City's website but that he would be willing to visit her neighborhood to meet with any concerned residents to ask questions.

Deputy Chief Rob Fincher invited Council and residents to Coffee with a Cop at Hardees, Memorial Boulevard on Feb 11 from 8:00-10:00am.

Comments by Members of City Council – Council Member Bowles will participate in Dancing with the Arts on April 4 at 4:00pm and invited residents to attend and support Piedmont Arts. It is a \$1 to vote and if you join the Piedmont Arts that will double your vote. Council Member Woods also discussed Dancing with the Arts. Council Member Turner said he received four calls regarding the new tree lights. City Manager Towarnicki explained that new lights have been installed in a few of the trees on Church Street. This fun lighting option was a suggestion to add vibrancy to Martinsville uptown area. Residents will see lights added to numerous trees throughout the City and County. Towarnicki emphasized that no City tax dollars were spent on these lights. Vice Mayor Martin is anxious to see new Piedmont Arts and Harvest programs get off the ground. Martin offered condolences to the families affected by

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the helicopter crash that killed Kobe Bryant. Bowles mentioned the Hometown HGTV contest and encouraged residents to visit the Martinsville Chamber page and City website for more details. Mayor Lawson shared that Aaron Street reopened earlier today. The Martin property building has been demolished and the second building will be discussed again tomorrow.

Comments by City Manager – At the medical college, there were some window clings installed to the front windows so that it no longer looks like an empty building. There are a number of City job vacancies posted to the City website along with numerous Boards and Commissions vacancies.

Comments by City Attorney – none

Mayor Lawson advised Council would go into Closed Session beginning at 6:30 PM. In accordance with section 2.1-344 (A) Code of Virginia (1950, and as amended) and upon a motion by Council Member Bowles and seconded by Council Member Woods with the following 5-0 recorded vote: Woods, aye; Lawson, aye; Bowles, aye; Martin, aye and Turner, aye.

Council convened in Closed Session to discuss the following matters: (A) Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members, attorneys or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, or other specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, as authorized by Subsection 7. At the conclusion of Closed Session, each returning member of Council certified that (1) only public business matters exempt from open meeting requirements were discussed in said Closed Session; and (2) only those business matters identified in the motion convening the Closed Session were heard, discussed, or considered during the A motion was made by Council Member Bowles; seconded by Council Member Turner, with the following 5-0 recorded vote in favor to return to Open Session: Mayor Lawson, aye; Council Member Bowles, aye; Council Member Woods, aye; Vice Mayor Martin, aye; and Council Member Turner, aye.

There being no further business, Council Member Turner made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Council Member with all Council Members voting in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.

Karen Roberts
Clerk of Council

Kathy Lawson
Mayor